



**{In Archive} RE: Seward Coal Terminal** 

**Julie Congdon** to: russmaddox

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Hello, Russ -

I can enter this into our complaint database and see if a compliance officer can follow up on it . Do you have any photos of the site and of any runoff coming from the site into local waterways ? Any and all other details you have about the site would be helpful .

Regards - Julie

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cc

Subject RE: Seward Coal Terminal

Hello,

I am not sure of the corporate structure but the terminal operator is Aurora Energy now which is some sort of partnership between the Usibelli coal mine in Healy, a coal-fired power plant in Fairbanks, and the ARRC. Before that it was Suneel Corp from Korea that owned it. Perhaps permits are in other names?

The transfer facility and coal terminal have been in operation for almost 20 years now. There have been numerous fugitive dust issues over the years which culminated in multiple NOV's in '07. That was when we found out the baghouses had never even been operational. So far this year they have managed to use the weather to their advantage, when its wet, dust is not an issue, and its been a very wet year in Seward. Uncontrolled runoff and discharges is now my primary concern.

I appreciate your attention on this issue. Please let me know if you find any permits for the facility.

Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ

--- On Mon, 12/8/08, Ashton, William S (DEC) <william.ashton@alaska.gov>

wrote:

> In my initial search I did not find a MSGP SWPPP for the  
> Alaska  
> Railroads' Seward Coal Terminal.  
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> Julie, Please search your records for an NOI for the MSGP  
> for the  
> Alaska Railroad.

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> From: Russ Maddox [mailto:russmaddox@Example6  
> Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 2:36 PM  
> To: Ashton, William S (DEC)  
> Subject: Seward Coal Terminal

> Does Aurora Energy/Alaska Railroad have a SWPPP or NPDES  
> for the  
> facility's runoff and discharges? You were just  
> recommended as the person  
> who can answer this question for me.

Regards, Russ